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1. IG Farbenindustrie, Bitterfeld, receives 300 tons of round graphite electrodes monthly from Siemens-Plania, Lichtenberg, which is at present its only source for this item.

2. Wastage accounts for approximately 25% of the amount received. One half of the remainder is made into round electrodes of 250mm to 300mm diameter and is sent to various factories in the Soviet Zone, with notification that the consignment is by order of Siemens-Plania.

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3. Comment: Although it is sometimes stated that graphite is returned to Siemens-Plania for forwarding the above is the actual procedure.)

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3. During May 1948 the recipients, via Siemens-Plania or direct, were:

Maximilianhütte, Unterwellenborn  
Schaeffer & Budenberg, Magdeburg  
Krupp-Gruson, Magdeburg  
Kuntsch, Crossen  
Bunawerk, Schkopau.

4. The other half of the graphite received from Siemens-Plania is used for electrolytic purposes at Bitterfeld itself, or shipped on reparations account on behalf of IG Farbenindustrie, Bitterfeld, to the Soviet authorities who undertake distribution at Weissensee.

5. Werk Stüd produces 48 tons of colloid graphite per annum on reparations account. There are 22 furnaces for graphite in Werk Stüd, including a small experimental furnace and thirteen furnaces which produce graphite electrodes. Four additional furnaces are ready for the production of a further 100 to 150 tons monthly, but they are not in use because Siemens-Plania has been unable to furnish the necessary graphite electrodes. These should be rectangular electrodes, roughly 250mm x 250mm x 300mm.

6. Prominent Soviet civilians supervising production at Bitterfeld are:

a. Dr. Belayev - Chemist, Director General of Elektrotechnisches Kombinat, Bitterfeld.

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- b. Akhnasarov - Chief Engineer, successor to Levinson who left in 1947. He is a Caucasian; well-liked by the Germans and believed to be eager to stay in Germany as long as possible.
- c. Bukhanin - Chief of the power station.
- d. Pomorzev - Commercial Director and Administrative Chief, representative of Belayev whenever the latter is absent.

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